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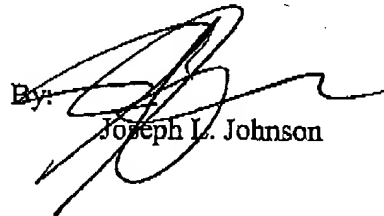
Dear Mr. Tran:

I am writing to inquire about the status of the above-referenced patent application. On December 17, 2003, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 through 16. On July 16, 2004, I submitted formal patent drawings in response to a May 18, 2004, Office Action. Thus, I believe all formalities are completed with respect to this application.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would advise as to the status of the application and let me know when we can anticipate the issuance of this patent.

Respectfully yours,

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